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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Funding Provided to Thiokol Memorial Project**

**WOODBINE, Ga.** — **January 23, 2022** — At their January 17, 2023, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement for tourism promotion activities between the Board of Commissioners and the Thiokol Memorial Project, Inc (TMP). The \$20,000 in funding is made available through Camden County's Hotel-Motel Tax. The agreement is for one year beginning on February 1, 2023, and renews annually.

"This is an important step in remembering and sharing Camden County's history," said Chairman Ben Casey. "We want to ensure that our residents and visitors to our community are able to learn about the role our citizens played in the Vietnam War."



Constructed in 1964, the Thiokol Chemical plant originally built tested solid propellant rocket motors for NASA at their site at the end of Harrietts Bluff Road in east central Camden County. However, by 1969, the plant began to make trip flares for the Vietnam War. On February 3, 1971, a fire ignited causing explosion that killed 29 workers and injured many more.

Annually on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, TMP hosts a service

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LANNIE E. BRANT Commissioner, District 1 MARTIN TURNER Commissioner, District 2 TREVOR READDICK Commissioner, District 3 JIM GOODMAN Commissioner, District 4 BEN L. CASEY Commissioner, District 5 paying tribute to the workers who lost their life at the Thiokol plant. The 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023, at the Camden County PSA Complex located at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland.

In 2017, TMP established the Thiokol Memorial Museum, located at 115 S. Lee Street in Kingsland. The museum is open weekdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. More information is available on their website, <a href="http://thiokolmemorial.org">http://thiokolmemorial.org</a>.

About Thiokol Memorial Project, Inc.: The mission of the Thiokol Memorial Project, Inc. is to remember and honor the Thiokol Workers and all those involved in the rescue effort. More information is available on their website at: <a href="http://thiokolmemorial.org">http://thiokolmemorial.org</a>.

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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